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KILOH, HAWAII, Sept., 1868.

A Ride Over the Lava Fields.

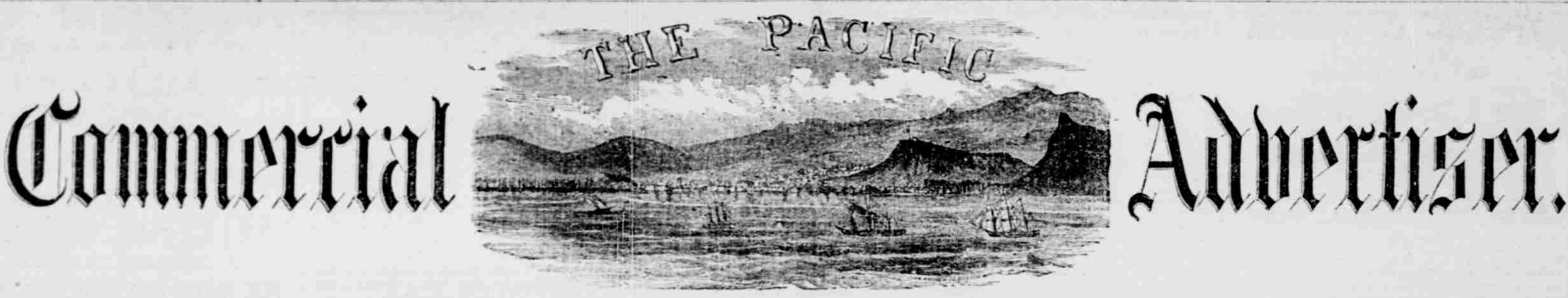
In fancy I pictured the flow of the great red river of lava from its mountain source to the sea. The mountain side is steep, and the great red fountain pours, rushing forth with a thunder-voice that jars the earth and shakes the heavens.

On the mad tide sweeps, gaining breadth and velocity as it goes. Now it approaches the broad mountain ridge of Puauhala and surges thunderingly against its towering sides. And now, like a great river approaching the sea, it parts in several branches to flow through its delta.

Onward, as irresistible as destiny, sweeps the red-glowing liquid wall on to the ocean's black, shingly beach. Then, like a great dragon in fiery coil, darting forth its thousand tongues of flame, with one wild leap it bounds into the "yeast of waves."

Now rises from sea to sky the wild shriek of tortured waves, the terrific wail of Pele's smothering fires! The cooling lava's crashing thunder-bursts, the steam hissing through the quivering, tortured air, a deep confused jarring roar, with the crackling, rushing sweep of the wide river of fire, all combine in a sound of deep, terrible awe.

Grand, indeed, is the prospect, yet it gives man but a faint idea of the grand volcanic action on this planet, in the cycles of the past, before it was prepared for the existence of life.



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